

CAPT. HALPIN IS
UNDER CHARGES.Police Commander Accused of Neglect of Duty
in Permitting Policy Slip Printing.

A charge of neglect of duty was preferred against Police Captain Henry Halpin, of the Church street station, to-day.

Inspector Brooks made the charge under orders from Commissioner Partridge, before whom Capt. Halpin will be tried.

Before making public his action in regard to Capt. Halpin the Commissioner called on District-Attorney Jerome and held a long conference with him.

It is believed that they discussed the proposition of bringing criminal proceedings against the Police Captain on account of the discovery that all of the policy slips used in this city and in Kentucky were printed in his precinct.

It is unofficially stated that the conclusion was reached that there was no ground for criminal action.

The charge against Capt. Halpin grows out of a raid made late Saturday afternoon by agents of Capt. Norton Goddard's Anti-Policy Society. These agents were accompanied by county Detectives and Central Office men. The work of gathering evidence had been going on for weeks.

The raiders first visited a saloon at Day and Church streets, a block from the station-house. They closed all the doors, produced a search warrant and found enough to persuade them that the

place was the headquarters of H. P. Wittenburg, who had charge of the downtown business of the Al Adams policy business.

From the saloon the raiders went to the building at 26 Church street. They met Wittenburg coming out of the building and arrested him. Then they went to the third floor, where they found a whole roomful of policy paraphernalia and a small printing press. On the bed of the press was a form set up to print policy literature.

A man known as "Al" Dakin walked into the room while the raiders were at work and was arrested as the owner of the printing press.

Out in the hall George Rees, who said he was a clerk, was arrested. His pockets were full of policy slips and books of carbon paper such as policy writers handle. Last of all, one George Wilson, a policy dealer, was arrested in a saloon in West street.

The prisoners were taken to the Church street station. As they arrived the Tom Foley, Tammany leader of the Second Assembly District, hurried out of the station-house.

Capt. Halpin was much perturbed when the prisoners were brought in. He said that the printing shop could not have been there more than two weeks, but the detectives say they have evidence that it was used for policy purposes for years.

Because he failed to discover the fact that policy men were making their headquarters in his precinct Capt. Halpin will have to stand trial.

BRUTALLY BEATEN
BY A POLICEMAN.O'BRIEN'S STATEMENT AC-
CUSES BLUECOAT.Spectator in Complaint Says Rat-
igan Used Unnecessary Force
in Making Arrest.

Patrick O'Brien, of No. 51 Ryerson street, is lying at his home. He says that his precarious condition is the result of an encounter with the police.

For a time it looked as if the brouhaha across the river would have a McCallister mystery to unravel, for O'Brien in an ante-mortem statement to Coroner Flaherty said:

"Last Wednesday evening I was on De Kalb avenue. I had been drinking. A man began to pummel me and I hit back.

"The blows cleared my head some and I saw my assailant was a policeman. Then I stopped fighting, but he did not. He continued to beat me.

"Then I remember being taken to a station-house and later in a patrol wagon to my home. I was left on the doorstep and it was some time before I was found."

An investigation revealed the fact that Policeman Ratigan, of the Classon avenue station, arrested O'Brien early on the morning of Feb. 19, in front of No. 100 DeKalb avenue.

O'Brien was creating a disturbance. He showed fight, and the policeman had to use force in calming him. O'Brien was taken to the station and later arraigned in the Myrtle Avenue Police Court.

He was sent to jail for five days. Two women, relatives of O'Brien, appeared against him. After O'Brien got out of jail erysipelas developed.

A complaint has been made against Policeman Ratigan by a man named John F. Owens, who lives in the neighborhood where O'Brien was arrested. He said the policeman used more force than was necessary.

TO-NIGHT'S EVENTS.

Dinner of Northfield Alumni.

Hotel St. Denis.

Catholic Club address, No. 120 Central Park South.

Presbyterian Union, Indies' night, Hotel Savoy.

Academy of Sciences, No. 108 West Fifty-fifth street.

Presbyterian Chinese Mission, New Year celebration, No. 150 Fifth avenue.

People's Institute, lecture, Cooper Union.

Improved Order Heptasophs, No. 115 East One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street.

Concert by the German Imperial Band, Carnegie Hall.

Irving Council, Royal Aquarium ball, Lexington Avenue.

Assembly Rooms.

The Standard Railroad of America is always the Pennsylvania Railroad, the coast line to Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis.

DEAD, 12 HURT
IN EXPLOSION.Burning Celluloid in
Five-Story Factory
Causes Panic.

WOMAN KILLED BY FALL.

Two Persons Still Missing.
One an Elevator Boy Who
Aided Heroically.

Search for bodies will made to-morrow in the ruins of the five-story building at Nos. 210-212 Canal street, which was wrecked by explosion and fire at 8 o'clock this morning.

The list of the dead, injured and missing is as follows:

DEAD.

TONONTO, Mrs. BIANCA, No. 214 Canal street.

MISSING.

COLLETTI, JOSEPH.

FARRINGTON, RICHARD.

INJURED.

BUCKLEY, JOHN, Engine Company No. 24, wrists cut by falling glass.

CAYANAUGH, FIREMAN, Engine Company No. 12, cut about head and bruised, fell through two floors.

DORRANNO, SADIE, cut, burned about limbs.

HARTUNG, BLONDA, fourteen, internally injured. Run down by Deputy Chief Ahern's buggy.

JACOLINA, Mrs. PHILOMENA, after seven years old, internally injured. Fell three stories to roof.

KROLL, AUGUST, No. 424 East Eighty-fifth street, cuts about head and arms.

LAWRENCE, JAMES, No. 149 Adams street, Brooklyn, employee of Wilkinson Company, burned about head and face.

LITTLE, FIREMAN, Hook and Ladder No. 1, bruises and cuts.

MELLITT, MORRIS, Engine Company No. 24, head cut by hose nozzle.

MSWENEY, JOHN, No. 243 West Thirtieth street, cut by falling glass.

QUIMBY, EDWARD, No. 36 North Terrace, Mount Vernon, legs broken, fell from third floor.

SHILLARD, DANIEL, WEBSTER, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, and Alexander avenue, both legs broken, fell from third floor.

Mrs. Biancha Tononito, thirty-seven years old, jumped from the fifth story window of an adjoining tenement house. She died at the Hudson Street Hospital.

Joseph Colletti, a heroic elevator boy, and Richard Farrington, an employee of the Wilkinson Comb Company, are missing.

One hundred persons were at work in the building this morning when in some way a pile of celluloid shavings ignited in the horn and rubber goods factory of James Wilkinson on the third floor.

An explosion followed that partly blew out the front and rear walls of the building.

The employees scrambled out on the fire escapes of the five floors. The flames were all about them, and in their panic many dropped to the street and were severely injured.

To the onlookers it seemed a physical impossibility that every one could have escaped.

The walls and roof of the building fell at 10:30 o'clock and soon after the names were under control. Chief Croker said he feared there were bodies under the debris, but search for them could not be made until the ruins cooled. He thought that it would be better to wait until inquiry was made for the missing.

Elevator Boy a Hero.

It is feared that an elevator boy, known around the building only as "Joe," gave up his life in an attempt to reach the roof.

"Joe" was taking James P. Stanton, a truckman at No. 214 Canal street, and William Stark, of the same address, up in the elevator. They had reached the third floor when the explosion occurred, and the elevator door was blown violently in and all three were hurled against the side of the shaft.

Heard that only quick action would save those above, the elevator was promptly sent up and quickly filled with frightened employees. They descended through flames and smoke. Stanton and Stark got out to help clear the elevator, waiting "Joe" to make another trip.

By this time the shaft was a veritable chimney. But the elevator boy, who had been sent up, had not been seen since. Stark, Cohen, a trained nurse, and lives in a home for trained nurses, at 12 Henry street, was arrested at the fire by Policeman Bush, of the Elizabeth street station, because she persisted in going through the fire lines. Miss Cohen was taken to the Central Street Court and there died of suffocation.

MRS. BOTKIN'S CASE FAILS.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The United States Supreme Court today dismissed the case of Mrs. Cordelia Botkin vs. the People of the State of California.

The dismissal was ordered upon a stipulation from Mrs. Botkin's counsel authorizing such proceeding.

The appeal was from a decision of the California State Court on the effort to release Mrs. Botkin, under sentence of life imprisonment for the murder of Dr. Dunning with poisoned candy.

VERY LATEST NEWS
IN BRIEFEST FORM.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE A RECORD BREAKER.

Mayor Low this afternoon completed what will be a record-breaking message to the Board of Aldermen. It comprises fifty closely typewritten pages of legal cap and contains upward of 30,000 words. The message will be read at the meeting of the Board to-morrow. It deals with the work of all the city departments in the past, present and future, the financial question, the budget and other city affairs.

RUNAWAY HURTS TWO PERSONS.

A horse owned by Dr. John A. Price, of No. 117 Second avenue, run away this afternoon and knocked down Edith Clements, seven years old, of No. 75 East Eighty-fifth street, at Twenty-third street and Third avenue. Policeman Corr, while trying to stop the horse was knocked down and run over.

LATE RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS.

Fifth Race—Felix Bard 1, Sir Florian 2, Jena 3.
Sixth Race—John Grigsby 1, Pharoah 2, Woodtrice 3.

SEARCH FOR NEW WITNESSES IN BURNS GIRL CASE.

Assistant District-Attorney Schurman is making a search for the two couples who went to the Glen Island Hotel at the same time that Walter S. Brooks and a woman alleged to be Florence Burns arrived there. He thinks they were Brooks's friends and might be able to clear the mystery. He had a consultation with Dr. Sweeney, who first attended Brooks. The doctor told Mr. Schurman that he detected the odor of chloral. Lawyer Backus is trying to find proof of his theory that Brooks was shot after the first visit of Dr. Sweeney.

O. H. P. BELMONT'S CONDITION FAVORABLE.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The doctors report at 5 P. M. that O. H. P. Belmont is as well as can be expected.

BOLD SAFE BURGLARY IN BROOKLYN.

Burglars it was learned late this afternoon secured \$2,500 in money and jewelry from the safe in the store of Bernard Cohen, No. 1549 Broadway, Brooklyn, last night. They bored a hole near the lock and manipulated the combination. The safe was a tedious one, and how the men escaped detection is a mystery. The neighborhood is well lighted and never completely deserted. There was a light in Cohen's store, and the safe was visible from the street. The burglars left no clue.

BRITISH MEMORIAL STATUE CAST.

An appropriate statue, designed as a memorial to the British who have fallen in the Boer war, was cast this afternoon at the Bonnard foundry on West Sixteenth street. Prominent Canadians witnessed the casting. The statue will be unveiled in Halifax on May 24.

MARCONI SHUT OUT OF ENGLAND.

LONDON, March 3.—Speaking of the attitude of the Government toward wireless telegraphy in the House of Lords this afternoon the Marquis of Londonderry, the Postmaster-General, said that he personally regarded the wireless system as the greatest invention of the age.

He could not, however, grant Marconi licenses to establish signal stations in the United Kingdom for fear of interrupting the extensive experimental work now being carried on by the Admiralty, from which the Government hoped to attain most important results.

ACTRESS DIED OF BURNS.

Anna Morton, an actress, thirty-one years old, died at Fordham Hospital to-day from burns received at her home, No. 901 East One Hundred and Eighty-third street. She was placing a vase on a mantel when her clothes caught fire. Her thirteen-year-old son Harry was burned trying to save her. The woman's husband and son, who are on the stage, had an engagement in Newark this week.

WIRES BEING RAPIDLY REPAIRED.

Telegraph and telephone men say to-day that most of the trouble with the wires caused by the recent storms is at an end, and that unless there is another spell of bad weather the next few days will see the wires up and in working order. The waters of the Genesee, Susquehanna, Lackawanna and Mohawk rivers are receding.

DROUGHT IN INDIA STILL UNBROKEN.

LONDON, March 3.—The Viceroy of India, Lord Curzon of Kendleston, telegraphs that the rainfall has been light and scattered, and of no benefit to the affected districts. About 250,000 persons are now receiving relief. A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, from Lahore, says that three million acres of wheat in the Punjab are suffering from total drought.

GUDEN DECISION NOT YET READY.

ALBANY, March 3.—It was stated at the Executive chamber that the Governor's decision in the Guden case would not be given out this afternoon. Attorney-General Davies is preparing his report to be submitted to the Governor.

YOUNG CANADIAN SENT TO BELLEVUE.

The police of the West Thirtieth Street Station report that Herbert W. Stewart, thirty-four years old, of Toronto, Canada, who has been staying at No. 16 West Twentieth street, was removed to the Insane Pavilion at Bellevue Hospital this afternoon. He will be detained for observation.

HINTS OF BRIBERY
IN PATRICK TRIAL.Prisoner's Lawyer Asks Former Office Boy if He Got
\$500 for Coming Back from Berlin

Albert T. Patrick's former office boy, Joseph Mayer, was the leading witness in the murder trial to-day.

The witness said Rice had never been in Patrick's office; that he rented a safety vault compartment for Patrick about which the lawyer told him not even to tell his mother, and that Patrick was careful about who saw Jones in his office. Patrick also suggested to him how he should testify.

On the cross-examination an effort was made to show that the witness had received or been promised

\$500 to testify against Patrick. Ex-Judge Hartine, who drew the 1896 will for Rice, testified that the signature on the 1900 will was not genuine.

Mayer is about twenty-two years old, dark, thin, long-haired and wears glasses. He told first about having gone to Berlin to work for his uncle soon after Rice died.

The witness said he had never mailed any letters to Rice or seen Rice in Patrick's office. He had seen Dr. Curry at Patrick's office about three times, once he carried a message to him in the summer of 1900, a few weeks before Rice's death. The witness said Patrick told him to go to the Safe Deposit Company

and hire a vault. Patrick went with him. He gave the witness a package of papers which the witness put in the box. "Don't even tell your mother about this," the witness said Patrick told him. Mayer swore that he never heard the name Rice mentioned before the latter's death.

With regard to giving this testimony, the witness said that Patrick had told him not to volunteer any information for the benefit of the District-Attorney and that if he was not asked about things to keep his mouth shut. Q. Didn't he tell you that the more

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ETRURIA SIXTY
HOURS OVERDUE.NO ALARM FELT FOR THE BIG
CUNARDER.Officials Think She Has Been De-
layed by Storms, or May Have
Had a Slight Accident.

LONDON, March 3.—A despatch from Queenstown, received here at 7:15 P. M. to-day, says that while many inquiries have been made regarding the non-arrival of the Cunard line steamer Etruria, which at that time was about sixty hours overdue, no anxiety was manifested as to the steamer's safety.

The delay in the Etruria reaching Queenstown is attributed to rough weather and easterly winds.

There have been some inquiries at the office of the Cunard line here, but the officials were only able to say that they feel no anxiety and suggest that the Etruria may have sustained a slight accident another vessel.

At the office of the Cunard Steamship Company here nothing had been heard from the Etruria to-day.

In local shipping circles it is figured out that from the point at which she was spoken by the Campana on Feb. 28 she could not be expected to reach Queenstown before this afternoon.

The Etruria sailed from New York for Queenstown and Liverpool on Feb. 22. On Feb. 26, in latitude 44° 20' north, longitude 41° 40' west, the Etruria was in communication by wireless telegraph with the Umbria of the same line, which arrived here Sunday.

CALL TROOPS FOR
NORFOLK STRIKE.TROLLEY MEN HAVE TIED UP
THE LINES.Cars May Be Run with Soldiers
on Guard—New Men Are
Expected.

(Special to The Evening World.)

NORFOLK, Va., March 3.—Eight military companies from Norfolk, Portsmouth, Newport News and Hampton, Va., are now at Norfolk armory, awaiting orders in connection with the strike of street-car motormen and conductors which began Saturday.

All cars on the lines of Norfolk Railway and Light Company have been tied up since the strike began. Every member of the police department is out, and there is a heavy patrol on all important thoroughfares. A few men from Baltimore and other cities have arrived to take the places of the strikers, but as yet two hundred men, which it was said would arrive from New York to-day, have not appeared.

A conference between President Williams, General Manager Johnston of the Railway Company, Col. Higgins, commanding military, and out-of-town street-car union representatives has just been concluded, and it is given out that 50 percent of the old men want to return to work. Col. Higgins says that soldiers will be carried to car yards and placed on cars to protect those desiring to return to work.

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"IS IT A RUSE TO
GET JACK FROM ME?"WIFE'S QUERY WHEN ASKED
ABOUT HUSBAND.Witness in Fox Will Contest Given
Some Interesting
Testimony.

Judge Edward F. O'Dwyer, of the City Court, and Ellen F. Hogan, the daughter of Magistrate Hogan, were witnesses to-day in the intermittent trial of young John Fox, contest of the will of his mother, the late Ellen Fox.

Judge O'Dwyer related how he had searched for John Fox, Jr., the day of the operation upon his mother, from the effects of which she died. The search was not at her request, but because it was agreed the son ought to be apprized of this, his probable last chance to see his mother alive.

The Judge said he was told "Jack" was hunting in the Catskills.

Miss Hogan, a shapely beauty, with big dark eyes and black hair, also tried to find Jack. She is a niece of the late Mrs. Fox. She said when she saw Mrs. Fox, Jr., and told her of the impending operation, and that it was of the highest importance that Jack see his mother, she asked if the story was true or if it was a ruse to get Jack away from her.

William H. Connell, of Rockville Centre, is an employee of Fox & Engel, realtors, and he had seen the woman Fox say that her granddaughter, Eleanor Fox, was being used to get money from the husband of John Fox, President of the Democratic Club, and herself.

At this point the trial was adjourned until March 12.

"BIG TOM" COSTIGAN'S
CHANCE FOR LIFE SLIGHT.At Death's Door After Pluck-
ily Fighting Disease
Eight Years.

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BUY DRINKS ERE
MAKING ARRESTS.MAGISTRATE MOTT'S ADVICE
TO POLICEMEN.Evidence in Present Excise Cases
Entirely Too Circumstantial.

"This is a fake arrest. I am going to discharge this man. You know as well as I do that if you wanted to get real evidence against him or any other saloon-keeper you could do so without any trouble. There is only one way to get evidence against a saloon-keeper, and that is for you policemen to go into the place, buy a drink and then drink it. Until you do this you will find me discharging all the alleged Excise violators you bring before me."

This is Magistrate Mott's advice to the police as to how to conduct the present Excise campaign. He gave it in the Harlem Court to-day when Detective Dixon, of the East One Hundred and Fourth street station, arraigned before him John Tighe, bartender in the Richelle, at No. 1 East One Hundred and Fourteenth street, charged with violating the Excise law yesterday.

Dixon testified that he had seen a woman enter the Richelle with an empty pail, which she carried in a basket, and that he had seen the woman leave with the same pail filled with a foamy liquid, whereupon he had arrested her.

"You don't know whether the woman had milk or sarsaparilla in the pail, do you?"

Dixon didn't, and Tighe was discharged.

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